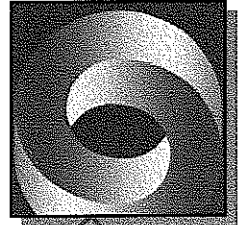


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**SUBMISSION ON: Oreti River Water Conservation Order**  
Under Sect 205, Resource Management Act 1991

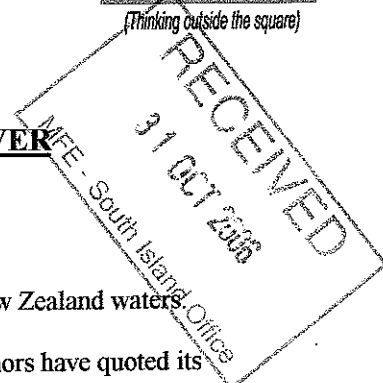
From: Robert Peter William SHUTT  
(Postal/Phone details as below)

**TINAKA  
ENTERPRISES**



(Thinking outside the square)

**I SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
A WATER CONSERVATION ORDER ON THE ORETI RIVER**



**To Whom it may concern,**

The Oreti River is an outstanding Brown Trout fishery, with trout larger than in most other New Zealand waters.

The Oreti River is the subject of regular media comment throughout the season, and many authors have quoted its benefit to anglers.

The Oreti River attracts anglers from far afield, and is often fished by anglers visiting from overseas. This river is well known by astute overseas anglers, and some regularly travel to fish this specific water.

I have a firm knowledge of the Oreti River from the mid 70s and included supportive comments on this river in a book I wrote in 1983. The Oreti River has increased in importance to angling since that time because many other waters have become deteriorated through pollution and/or abstraction.

Above Mossburn, the scenery matches the fishery values, and in this area the Oreti River has special scenic characteristics I value as being therapeutic.

Access to the Oreti River is not particularly difficult, thus making it ideal for anglers of all ages, and I have seen wheel-chair anglers at the water's edge.

Trout migration from sea to headwaters enables anglers to be assured of sport throughout the upper river.

The area of river of most interest to me personally is the water above Mossburn and . . .

**It is submitted that the Oreti River:**

- Never be dammed (to ensure fish migration throughout the river).
- Not be degraded due to abstraction or pollution.
- That all catchment water quantity and quality be protected under the Water Conservation Order.

**It has been explained:**

- The outstanding quality of the fishery
- The outstanding scenic beauty of the area above Mossburn

I submit the above to be a true record of my experience on the Oreti River, *and ask that a Water Conservation Order be granted.*

**I WISH TO BE HEARD** in this matter.

Signed: RPW Shutt

27/10/06